GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Gangavaram Port – R&R Package – Package to the fishermen families effected by Gangavaram Port – Sanction of an amount of Rs.10.5 Crores towards livelihood package to the affected persons of Gangavaram Port as one time settlement – Orders – Issued.

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ENERGY, INFRASTRUCTURE & INVESTMENT (PORTS.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 26 Dated: 31-08-2018

Read the following:

1. From the Director of Ports, Kakinada Letter No.DoP/A2/2319/2017, dated 14-09-2017.
2. Memo.No.391/Ports.II/2015, E, I&I Dept., Dated 12-10-2017.
3. Representation from Sri Palla Srinivasa Rao, MLA, Gajuwaka dated 03-02-2018 through O/o.CMO vide CMP No.4034/GSP/2018., dated 06-02-2018.
4. Govt Memo No.391/Ports.II/2015, dated 06-03-2018.
5. From the Joint Collector, Visakhapatnam Letter No .No3/2010/SO, dated 16-04-2018

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ORDER

In the reference 3rd read above, Sri Palla Srinivasa Rao, MLA, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam has submitted a representation that the families of Fishermen community of Gangavaram and Dibbapalem villages have stated that due to the shifting of their villages for construction of Gangavarm Port, they are suffering too much of hardship to erk out their daily life as there is no fishing jetty, which was not constructed as promised in R&R Package. They have further stated that they had been promised to pay jeevanabruthi (R&R Package) as monthly wages by the Government till the construction of fishing jetty, but, they were not paid wages as promised.

2. The Hon'ble MLA, Gajuwaka has further stated that there is a necessity of Rs.15 Crores as one time settlement to the eligible beneficiaries for a period of one and half (1½) year. In order to fulfil the needs of the eligible beneficiaries there is an availability of funds of Rs.6.00 Crores. Out of which Rs.4.00 Crores can be utilized from SDC and the rest Rs.2 Crores can be utilized from SDF and balance of Rs.9.00 Crores is required to be sanctioned as their request is genuine.

3. In this regard, the Joint Collector, Visakhapatnam vide letter 5th read above have reported that earlier as per tripartite agreements between Gangavaram Port Ltd, Govt of A P & Villagers of Rehabilitation packages Dated 4-8-2005; 17-10-2005, 29-11-2005; 5-5-2006; 4-9-2006 & 25-3-2008 the Government through the Director of Ports, Kakinada has released an amount of Rs.70,67,61,000/- towards R&R to the Displaced & Affected Families of Gangavaram Port. R&R package implemented to the Project Displaced Families (PDFs) & Project Affected Families (PAFs). The Displaced Families were also shifted from Dibbapalem to New layouts at Yathapalem of Pedagantyada Mandal and Srinagar of Gajuwaka Mandal. Further, no wages paid to the Displaced/Affected families under R&R Packages of GPL from October, 2008 onwards.

4. In this regard, the Director of Ports, AP, Kakinada has submitted that there is a necessity of Rs.10.5 Crores as one time settlement to the eligible beneficiaries for a period of one(1) year as against earlier demand of Rs.15.00 Crores. for a period one and half (1½) year. Further, he has stated that in order to fulfill the needs of the eligible beneficiaries there is an availability of funds of Rs.6.00 Crores. out of which Rs.4.00 Crores can be utilized from SDC and rest Rs.2.00 Crores can be utilized from SDF and balance of Rs.4.5 Crores is required to be sanctioned. In this connection, the Director of Ports has proposed that he would arrange an amount of 4.5 Crores by way of re-appropriation from Bhavanapadu Head of account to Gangavaram Port, if ordered by the Government.

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5. The Director of Ports, AP, Kakinada has submitted that Government may consider the request of Hon'ble MLA, Gajuwaka for extending Jeevana Bruthi to the Project affected fishermen by one (1) more year as once for all settlement of this contentious issue since the Government could not fulfill its commitment, for construction of tranquility breakwater sanctioned in 2009, vide G.O.Ms. No. 17., I&I (Ports.I) Dept., Dt.20-04-2009 on cost sharing basis in the ratio of 50:50 between GoAP and M/s GPL, due to the objections raised by VPT as the proposed structure is in the waters of Visakhapatnam Port Trust(VPT). Ever since, there had been consistent demand by project affected fishermen to extend the Jeevana Bruthi which was stopped in 2008, which remains unresolved till date.

6. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby sanctioned an amount of Rs.10.5 Crores towards livelihood package to the affected persons of Gangavaram Port as one time settlement to the eligible beneficiaries for a period of one (1) year. The budget details are as follows:

Available funds with the Special Officer (R&R),
Gangavaram Port & Spl.Dy.Collector (LA), Steel Plant, ...Rs.4.00 Crores
Visakhapatnam.

Special Development Fund sanctioned
by the Hon'ble MLA, Gajuwaka. .....Rs.2.00 Crores

From the Director of Ports by way of re-appropriation .... Rs.4.50 Crores
from Bhavanapadu Head of account
"5051-02 MH 214 -GH 11 S-H (04)-530 to Gangavaram Port.

7. The Director of Ports, AP, Kakinada is requested to take necessary action in the matter.

8. This order issues with the concurrence of Finance Department vide their U.O.No.FIN -64030/19/2018 –SO(FMU(E,I&I)-FIN dated 29/08/2018.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJAY JAIN
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
The Director of Ports, AP, Kakinada
Special Officer (R&R), Gangavaram Port &
Spl.Dy.Collector (LA), Steel Plant,
Visakhapatnam.
Copy to:
PS to Prl.Secretary to C.M.
The Collector & District Magistrate, Visakhapatnam.
Sri Palla Srinivasa Rao, Hon'ble MLA, Gajuwaka
SF/SC (File No.391/Ports.II/2015)

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